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Festival of Fun

Traveling has never been so easy. No baggage, no layovers, no



jetlag. Without having to leave the city, you can experience the sights, sounds and tastes of over 19 countries at the 2004 International Children's Festival.

Bring the kids to downtown Hampton's Mill Point Park on April 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to experience diverse cultures as participating countries provide educational exhibits, entertainment, hands-on crafts, games and food.

Countries will be introduced in a costumed Parade of Nations. Two stages of entertainment will feature international talent such as an El Mariachi band, Scottish bagpiper, native folk dancers, a Dragon's Head

dance, and much more.

Don't forget to purchase your Passport to Adventure at the festival's U.S. Embassy (information booth). Children can



have their passports stamped as they visit the various countries.

Once they finish their globetrotting, they will be entered into a "World Traveler" prize drawing.

New this year is a Girl Scout Badge Program that offers area scouts the opportunity to complete badge requirements at the festival.

Sponsors of this year's festival include the Hampton Unity Commission, Hampton Coalition for Youth, Hampton City Schools, WHRO and Cox Communications. For more information on the festival, call 727-8311 or visit the website at www.hampton.gov/parks. Admission to the festival is free.

National Institute of Aerospace Groundbreaking A Major Milestone

The City of Hampton, Craig Davis Properties (CDP) and the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA) has reached a major milestone. On Friday, Mar. 12, officials participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for a 60,000 sq. ft. Class A office building, which will serve as the NIA's new permanent home around early January 2005. Located in Hampton Roads Center North Business Campus, the NIA's new location - 1.52 miles from NASA Langley Research Center - kicks off development of the 250 acre Hampton Roads North Business Campus off of Magruder Boulevard.

Over 100 members of the aerospace and business community were on-hand for the ceremony. The City also received the US Army Corps of Engineers permit to allow for the construction of the extension of Commander Shepard Blvd. from Magruder Blvd to Big Bethel Road.

This \$25million VDOT funded project will serve as the main transportation artery through this business park, and it will provide an important east/west connection across the northwest quadrant of Hampton, from Newport News to NASA/Langley. Construction of the new

roadway is expected to begin by the end of the year.

As a catalyst for economic development, the NIA is the city's latest high-wage job creation initiative projected to employ scientists and engineers earning salaries of \$80,000 a year and above in the coming years. Funded by NASA Langley at an estimated \$118 million, over the first five years, the NIA is designed to grow into an operation that will sustain itself by securing grants and industry contracts. "The National Institute of Aerospace will have a measurable impact on the Hampton Roads economy. It will contribute \$7.8 million in new regional economic activity to the region and lead to the creation of over 150 new, high paying jobs to the area in 2004. These impacts will grow with the passage of time as activity at the Institute increases over the years. In addition, it along with other quality research institutions already in the region can help to provide a nucleus around which other new high quality



economic activities can grow," comments John Whaley, Deputy Executive Director, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Hampton Health Department's Women's Clinic Expands Hours and Services

Hampton Health Department's Women's Clinic, located at 3130 Victoria Boulevard, now operates Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All visits are by appointment.

Family Planning and treatment of gynecological (female) medical problems are available to both Hampton and non-Hampton residents. While the Health Department does charge for these services, the charges are adjusted

according to the patient's income. Most Family Planning and STD services are free.

Please call 727-1172 ext. 185 for appointments and additional information.

For information on walk-in pregnancy and STD testing, and emergency contraception call 727-1172 ext. 172.

All services are confidential.

DID YOU KNOW...

That AARP offers free tax preparation for elderly and low income citizens from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday and Fridays through April 15 at the main Hampton Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd.? For more information call 877-4971.



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April | COMMUNITY EVENTS



1 Grand Opening - Sandy Bottom Gift Shop

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sandy Bottom Nature Park Gift Shop

7 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

6:30 p.m., City Hall -

5th Floor Conference Room

14 Hampton City Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (8th Floor, City Hall). Also telecast on the City channel, TV-47.

25 Landing Day

3:00 p.m., Hampton Virginia Medical Center, 100 Emancipation Drive Observance of the first landing in Hampton in 1607.

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